

# Holley Serving as President of OCJA

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Southwestern Oklahoma State University Social Sciences Department Chair Philip Holley (left) is serving as president of the Oklahoma Criminal Justice Association, a new organization in the state. With Holley is secretary-treasurer Delores Meyer of Mid-America Christian University. Not pictured is president-elect Arnold Waggoner of Rose State College

Dr. Philip D. Holley, chair of the Southwestern Oklahoma State University Department of Social Sciences in Weatherford, is serving as president of a new state professional association, the Oklahoma Criminal Justice Association.

Holley is serving as president for the 2005-06 year. He has been active in criminal justice work for over 30 years, including conducting research, prison program volunteer, and working as a juvenile probation officer and correctional officer. He has taught sociology and criminal justice at SWOSU since 1974.

Both Holley and Donna Barlow, criminal justice assistant professor in the Department of Social Sciences, recently attended the second organizational meeting of the group. The meeting consisted of preliminary work on the group's constitution and by-laws and plans for the annual conference to be held in April. Approximately 15 criminal justice professionals from around the state were in attendance.

The OCJA will advance the interests of criminal justice around the state. Membership will include academicians, practitioners involved in all areas of criminal justice, and students. Other persons interested in criminal justice issues may also be members. The association will provide contact with and educational opportunities for criminal justice professionals through the annual conference, a website, and various other activities.